

## **SUMMARY**

**4 VAC 15-90.**

**Game: Deer.**

**4 VAC 15-90-80.**

**Muzzleloading gun hunting.**

The amendment: (i) reinstates the early muzzleloading season either-sex deer hunting day on private lands in Grayson County; and (ii) makes the early muzzleloading season in Grayson Highlands State Park and national forest lands in Grayson County buck only.

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**Game: Deer.**

**4 VAC 15-90-80. Muzzleloading gun hunting.**

A. It shall be lawful to hunt deer during the early special muzzleloading season with muzzleloading guns from the Saturday prior to the first Monday in November through the Friday prior to the third Monday in November, both dates inclusive, in all cities, towns, and counties where deer hunting with a rifle or muzzleloading gun is permitted east of the Blue Ridge Mountains, except on national forest lands in Amherst, Bedford and Nelson counties and in the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp Line) and Virginia Beach. It shall be lawful to hunt deer during the early special muzzleloading season with muzzleloading guns from the Saturday prior to the second Monday in November through the Friday prior to the third Monday in November, both dates inclusive, in all cities, towns, and counties where deer hunting with a rifle or muzzleloading gun is permitted west of the Blue Ridge Mountains and on national forest lands in Amherst, Bedford, and Nelson counties.

B. It shall be lawful to hunt deer during the late special muzzleloading season with muzzleloading guns starting 18 consecutive hunting days immediately prior to and inclusive of the first Saturday in January, in all cities, towns, and counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains (except Clarke County and on non-national forest lands in

Frederick County), and east of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Amherst (west of U.S. Route 29), Bedford, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Franklin, Henry, Nelson (west of Route 151), Patrick and Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad) and on national forest lands in Frederick County and in the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

C. Deer of either sex may be taken during the entire early special muzzleloading season in all cities, towns, and counties east of the Blue Ridge Mountains (except on national forest lands, state forest lands, state park lands except Occoneechee State Park, department-owned lands and Philpott Reservoir) and on the second Saturday only east of the Blue Ridge Mountains on state forest lands, state park lands except Occoneechee State Park, department-owned lands and on Philpott Reservoir. Deer of either sex may be taken during the entire early special muzzleloading season on Occoneechee State Park. Deer of either sex may be taken during the early special muzzleloading season only on the second Monday in November in all counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains (except Clarke, Buchanan, Dickenson, Floyd, ~~Grayson~~, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and in Grayson Highlands State Park and national forest lands in Grayson County, and on private lands in Frederick, Roanoke, and Warren counties) and on national forest and department-owned lands in Roanoke County and on national forest lands in Frederick and Warren counties and on national forest lands in Amherst, Bedford, and Nelson counties. Additionally, deer of either sex may be taken during the entire early special muzzleloading season in Clarke and Floyd counties and on private lands in Frederick, Roanoke, and Warren counties.

D. Deer of either sex may be taken during the entire late special muzzleloading season in the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Amherst (west of U.S. Route 29 except on national forest lands), Bedford (except on national forest lands), Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Franklin, Henry, Nelson (west of Route 151 except on national forest lands), Patrick, and Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad). It shall be lawful to hunt deer of either sex during the last six days of the late special muzzleloading season in all counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains (except Buchanan, Dickenson, Floyd, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and on private lands in Roanoke and Warren counties) and on national forest and department-owned lands in Roanoke County and on national forest lands in Warren County and on national forest lands in Amherst, Bedford, Frederick, and Nelson counties and in the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. Provided further it shall be lawful to hunt deer of either sex during the last day only of the late special muzzleloading season in the counties of Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, and Washington. Additionally, deer of either-sex may be taken during the entire late special muzzleloading season in Floyd County and on private lands in Roanoke and Warren counties.

E. Deer of either sex may be taken full season during the special muzzleloading seasons within the incorporated limits of any city or town in the Commonwealth that allows deer hunting except in the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise and in the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

F. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer with dogs during any special season for hunting with muzzleloading guns.

G. A muzzleloading gun, for the purpose of this section, means a single shot flintlock or percussion weapon, excluding muzzleloading pistols, .45 caliber or larger, firing a single projectile or sabot (with a .38 caliber or larger projectile) of the same caliber loaded from the muzzle of the weapon and propelled by at least 50 grains of black powder (or black powder equivalent or smokeless powder).

H. It shall be unlawful to have in immediate possession any firearm other than a muzzleloading gun while hunting with a muzzleloading gun in a special muzzleloading season.